

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 22, 2023, in the Glen Ridge Municipal Building Council Chambers at 7:30 p. m.

Mayor Patrick led The Council and the citizens in attendance in a Salute to the Flag and read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Present: Councilors Mans, Lefkovits, Law, Meyer and Morrow

Absent: Hughes

The following Borough Officers were present: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Chief Sean Quinn, Borough Clerk Tara Ventola and Borough Attorney Malyska.

It was moved by Councilor Morrow, seconded by Councilor Meyer, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on May 8, 2023, be approved.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Mans	Law	None		Lefkovits		Hughes	
		Meyer						
		Morrow						

Mayor Patrick called for written communications.

No written communications were presented.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

Mayor Patrick read the following proclamations:

2023 EAGLE SCOUTS

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout is the highest honor of Scouting and is achieved only through dedication, community service and hard work; and,

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is a lifelong honor, and is respected by all persons familiar with Scouting; and,

WHEREAS, ANDREW FONG of Troop 855, has stayed the course and earned the rank of Eagle Scout by raising community awareness on invasive species damaging shade trees in Glen Ridge. He distributed online infographics on the treatment, prevention, and signs of common invasive species. Additionally, Andrew raised money to replace five trees lost at Freeman Gardens due to Emerald Ash Borer disease. These trees were

planted by scouts which also involved removing large rocks and clay in order for the newly planted trees to thrive; and

WHEREAS, JACOB CHANG of Troop 855, has stayed the course and earned the rank of Eagle Scout by developing a scout-led tour of historically significant houses and buildings within Glen Ridge and worked extensively with the Historical Society to highlight these properties in two brochures. Additionally, metal-staked signs were placed at each point to mark the tour for anyone interested. Jacob also developed an overlay on Google Maps to guide visitors to the historically significant houses and created a poster with QR codes which scouts exhibit in public gatherings like the Eco-Fair and Scout Day so interested parties can take advantage of the tour to make this a project that lives on in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, ANWELL MENG of Troop 855, has stayed the course and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. For his service project Anwell restored an unused koi pond at Freeman Gardens. Volunteers pumped out the water in the pond and removed the mud and debris left from decades of unuse. An underground irrigation pipe was installed to redirect rain runoff away from the pond and a trench was dug along the pond's perimeter to prevent overflow which could endanger the fish that will live in the pond. In the spirit of ecology, the mud turned out to be very nutrient rich and was used to plant trees for another scout's project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, Stuart K. Patrick, Mayor of The Borough of Glen Ridge, with the advice and consent of The Borough Council, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 10, 2023 to be "**Glen Ridge Eagle Scout Day**" in The Borough of Glen Ridge in honor of the achievement of these young men, and I call upon all of our citizens to recognize, respect and congratulate them, and their Troop leaders for their accomplishments.

2023 NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS

WHEREAS, every day, more than 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 16,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities and protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the mayor's highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than two years of increased

gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 3, 2023, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 3, the first Friday in June in 2023, to help raise awareness about gun violence and by wearing orange on June 3, 2023 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Stuart Patrick, declares the first Friday in June, June 3, 2023, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local community's efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

RESOLUTION NO. 101-23

Offered by Councilor **MANS**
Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Claims be approved, and Warrants be drawn for the same:

CURRENT FUND	\$174,772.38
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$345,726.00
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$27,210.90
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$14,894.39
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$2,681.55
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$44,201.60

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND **\$0.00**
DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND **\$0.00**

and, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer of The Borough of Glen Ridge is hereby authorized to issue the payroll for the Employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge for the pay date of June 1, 2023.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Mans	Law	None		None		Hughes	
		Meyer						
	Lefkovits	Morrow						

Ordinance No. 1784 an Ordinance to establish non union employee and management salaries for 2023; was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Mans. Municipal Clerk Ventola reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Patrick declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Patrick declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Mans, seconded by Councilor Meyer that Ordinance No. **1784** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Mayor Patrick declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Mans	Law	None		None		Hughes	
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Ordinance No. 1785 an Ordinance to authorize bonds for the Borough wide water meter replacement project; was presented for first reading. Councilor Mans moved that Ordinance No. **1785** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Law. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to the Municipal Clerk for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

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Councilor Mans, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee thanked Mr. Zichelli for posting the budget on the Borough website.

Councilor Lefkovits reported on behalf of Councilor Hughes Chair of the Public Safety Committee. He commended the work of the Gun Violence advocates.

RESOLUTION NO. 102-23

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**
Seconded by Councilor **MORROW**

National Law Enforcement Officers Week

WHEREAS, In 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation’s Capital each year, and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, this week features many events, receptions and memorial services which are open to all law enforcement personnel; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council, do here by proclaim May 15-21, 2023, as National Police Week, and urge all residents and citizens to support the bravery and dedication of all law enforcement members, and to honor the memory of fallen law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

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Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Public Relations and Community Affairs Committee reported that Library Board Trustee Carol Harpster was recognized by New Jersey Library Association and awarded the prestigious Trustee Recognition Award at their conference in Atlantic City.

RESOLUTION NO. 104-23

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

WHEREAS, there is a need for The Borough of Glen Ridge to obtain the services of an elevator inspector in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5-23; and,

WHEREAS, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11, et. seq., The Borough of Glen Ridge used a fair and competitive process to solicit proposals for the aforesated service; and,

WHEREAS, The Municipal Inspection Corporation, 183 West 4th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey 07002 submitted the lowest responsible proposal in the amount of **95%** of DCA fee schedule and a **30%** Administrative Fee to be collected by the Borough; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Municipal Inspection Corporation is awarded the contract for elevator inspections in accordance with their proposal dated May 7, 2023 and is effective for the period of three years starting on July 1, 2023.

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Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Community Affairs Committee thanks everyone for their hard work during the Eco Fair and Arts Festival.

Borough Administrator, Michael Zichelli also thanked all involved in the Eco Fair and Arts Festival. He announced the upcoming events Rhino Romp and Memorial Day Parade.

Chief Quinn announced the Click it or Ticket campaign and the annual Bike Rodeo will be held on June 3rd, the Lager Run will be held on June 11th; expect traffic delays and road closures.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Meyer that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
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The Council adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk